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Winter Olympics A tale of two torches



Left: Olympic torchbearers Caleb Taylor and Patricia Moreno run in Vancouver on Thursday morning, carrying the newly unveiled 2010 Olympic Torch. Right: Former Calgary Olympic volunteer Josephine Benedek, 76, re-lit the 1988 Games cauldron Thursday, as celebrations marking one year before the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics took place at Canada Olympic Park. Story, pg 6.



Spotlight on safety

Report shows stark difference between day and night

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

Feeling safe on Calgary Transit

- According to the report:
 - Calgarians who feel safe in the day time: Overall: 93%; Seniors: 93%; Visible Minorities: 90%; Females: 90%; Males: 96%;
 - Employees: 69%
 - At night: Overall: 38%; Seniors: 26%; Visible Minorities: 41%; Females: 27%; Males: 50%; Employees: 21%

Calgarians generally feel safe on Calgary Transit — at least in the daytime — but may have a skewed perception of reality when it comes to security.

According to Thursday's audit report on Calgary Transit safety, 93 per cent of Calgarians generally feel safe while on C-Train platforms, but that number plummeted to just 38 per cent when the sun went down.

Numbers for employees were startlingly different, with just 69 per cent feeling safe during the day and

the lowest percentage of all Calgary Transit riders — 21 per cent — feeling safe at night.

However, Solomon Wong from InterVISTAS, who presented the report to the audit subcommittee, said most stated they felt safe on the Dalhousie platform, when in reality, it has one of the highest crime rates.

"I was pleased that it was as thorough as it was," Ald.

Diane Colley-Urquhart said of the report, addressing the fact that when she had initially called for an audit, "Calgary Transit said everything was fine."

She added that she had chatted with employees and knew how unsafe they felt, which is why she said there wasn't difficulty retaining workers.

"I think it shows overall our system is safe," said

Ald. Ric McIver.

McIver did question one recommendation that called for more officers, asking, "To what degree will adding more officers pay for themselves" in ridership?

Out of the 27 recommendations, the highlights included upgrading what Colley-Urquhart called "Fisher Price cameras," improving lighting and better maintenance, reviewing the free-fare zone, adding eyes to the platforms, coming up with creative ways to keep non-riders off the platform, improving the help phone system and working out a way to provide proper change for tickets.

Radio station pulls Brown

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MUSIC Once a fan favourite, requests for Chris Brown's music have turned into scorn and a local radio station is pulling the plug on his music, at least for now.

After reports surfaced of the serious charges against the singer after his pop-princess girlfriend Rihanna was allegedly assaulted after a Grammy party on Sunday, public outcry has trickled into Calgary. Energy 101.5 hasn't played Brown's music since Monday morning, program director Rob Mise confirmed.

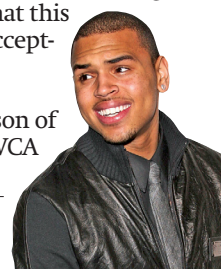
"Right now there is a lot of speculation and we would like to get some clarification, but right now the right thing to do is not to play his music right now," Mise said.

Mise said the radio station caters to women and will not play his music until the facts are straightened out.

A local women's organization is applauding Energy 101.5 for the move, though they aren't surprised, as they say the radio station is a strong supporter of the YWCA.

"This sends a strong message that this is unacceptable," Arlene Adamson of the YWCA added.

Chris Brown



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Police are warning Calgarians after a rash of street robberies last month on downtown streets. Police say there were 22 reported cases of people being robbed of items ranging from money and cellphones to empty bottles, smokes and alcohol. January 2008 only saw eight reported cases. **METRO CALGARY**

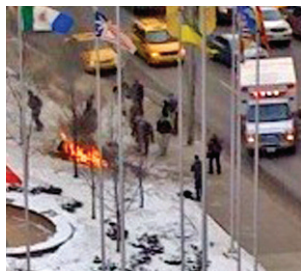
Local



Four charged in big pot bust

City cops have charged four people after a bust on Wednesday netted more than 20 kilograms of marijuana, a weapon and cash in the city's northeast. Police attended a residence in the 5000 block of Marbank Drive NE for an unrelated matter when they came across the seizure. Ya Nan Yin, Michael Cornies, Phuong Quyen Vuong and Jue Mei Huang were charged.

METRO CALGARY



Man lights self on fire downtown

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SHOCKING Witnesses watched in disbelief as a man lit himself on fire on a busy downtown Calgary street Thursday morning.

Ashis Bans, 19, looked out his downtown office building and was surprised to see a person on fire surrounded by emergency crews.

"I just looked out the window and saw this guy lying on the snow on fire without a shirt on. He had emergency crews surrounding him," he told Metro. "I was shocked. I couldn't believe what I was seeing."

Witnesses said the man lit himself on fire outside the Harry Hays building in a protest because his niece was being deported, though it couldn't be confirmed by officials.

EMS spokesperson Stuart Brideaux said one of the initial 9-1-1 calls was actually a paramedic who was passing the scene with another patient.

Brideaux said the man suffered burns to 40 per cent of his body. "They were very severe burns," he said, adding the man had doused himself with flammable liquid.

Calgary's lasting legacy

VANCOUVER
2010 Games

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

The memories of Olympic Games past still linger in Calgary, brought once again to life by the excitement for the much-anticipated return of the torch to Canada.

One establishment funded by an endowment from the Calgary Games was the National Sports School — a one-of-a-kind school meant to allow athletes to train without having to sacrifice high school — which has pumped out medal-winning athletes since its inception.

"Athletes are moving from all across the country to come to Calgary because it's a city where the facilities are," said Calgarian Kyle Shewfelt, who attended NSS and later went on to win Canada's first gold medal in gymnastics.

He said you can still get the feeling of "Olymp-



Jenessa Kemp is a 17-year-old aspiring Olympic speed skater at the National Sports School in Calgary, set up to train elite athletes after the 1988 Winter Olympic Games in Calgary.

ism" in Calgary, adding that the "Olympics (is) the most powerful movement in the world" and inspires people.

Jenessa Kemp, a 17-year-old Grade 12 student at NSS said "If (the Olympics) hadn't happened, I probably wouldn't be speed skating in the first place."

She pointed out that even the C-Trains still have the '88 symbol on them and that she has the Olympic Oval to train in, and dreams of being an Olympic athlete, she hopes, as early as the 2014 Games.

"We've picked up the torch and carried it," said

Cam Hodgson, principal of NSS.

He added that more than 20 athletes on Team Canada in the 2006 Winter Olympics had been through the school.

He said he hopes as many as 40 past and current students end up on Team Canada in 2010.

Police looking for missing woman

HELP Police are looking for a woman who has been missing for a week and believe she may be in the Edmonton area.

Kaitlynn Mackinnon, 20, left her southwest Calgary home on Feb. 4 and hasn't been seen since.

Mackinnon is developmentally delayed and functions at a six-year-old level. She is five-foot-five, 130 pounds, with reddish-brown hair and brown eyes. **METRO CALGARY**



George W. Bush coming to Calgary

SPEECH About 1,500 Calgarians are going to have a conversation with George W. Bush in March.

The former U.S. president is going to visit Calgary on March 27 and give a private speech and answer questions on his eight years in the Oval Office.

This will be his first confirmed speaking event since Barack Obama took over the White House last month.

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Marching for missing, murdered women

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EVENT On a day when couples across the city will be celebrating their love for one another, many will be honouring women who don't have that opportunity anymore.

Suzanne Dzus is organizing the inaugural Annual Memorial March for Miss-

Facebook group

• For more information on the march, its location and all other details, visit the Facebook

group March for Missing and Murdered Women of Calgary and Southern Alberta.

ing and Murdered Women of Calgary and Southern Alberta and said it is important for Calgarians to remember the forgotten. "This is not just a sex

trade issue; this is a violence against women issue. All of these women were daughters and some were mothers, sisters, aunties and they all deserve to be

honoured," Dzus said.

Dzus said the Calgary event started with an email to groups and organizations but was based on the original Vancouver marches.

Those interested are asked to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at 1111 Memorial Dr. NW just outside the Calgary Outdoor Council for the noon march, followed by a potluck.



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Many City of Calgary services and facilities will be closed or adjusting their hours Monday due to the Family Day holiday. Calgary Transit's schedule will be adjusted, along with city administrative offices, recreation facilities, Fort Calgary and the Calgary Zoo. **METRO CALGARY**

Cops seek stalking suspect

SUSPECT Police are searching for a man who has been following women to their homes and then knocking on their doors late at night in the areas of Varsity, Brentwood and Dalhousie between Sep-

tember 2008 and February 2009.

The suspect is described as Caucasian, five-foot-11, 174 pounds with a medium build. He is 25 to 30 years old, with brown hair and blue eyes. **METRO CALGARY**



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Brownies share the love

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

Dozens of girls learned the true meaning of love this Valentine's Day when they decided to put together hampers to help needy babies instead of trading paper valentines.

Hosting a V-Day party for two groups of Sparks earlier this week, a group of Brownies tied the idea of love into their fundamental notions of "fun, friendship, and lending a hand."

AnneMarie Darichuk, a leader known to the northwest Brownies group as "Fluffy Owl," said another leader received a brochure in the mail regarding the 3,500 babies that visited the Interfaith Food Bank with their families last year and the girls jumped at the opportunity to help.

"Little kids don't view it as a chore," Darichuk said. "They get excited when they can help others."

Fluffy Owl's daughter, eight-year-old Gillian, said they were able to show the



The 85th Brownies and the 145th-165th Sparks of Calgary made special care packages at the Calgary Food Bank for city babies who are in need of a little love, rather than exchanging valentines this year.

Sparks groups "that Brownies is a lot of fun" while doing something good for others.

"I was surprised because I thought parents could do what (the babies needed)," Gillian said, adding that everyone was excited to

participate.

"We want to help the little babies learn and to be healthy," she said.

In total, the 55 girls aged five to eight put together 13 hampers and delivered them personally to the food bank.

Valentine's Day

"Our children tend to exist in a little bubble," Darichuk said.

"We're hoping they understand that other children need our help."

Banff Aussie split on her decision to return home

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Canada

Australian Belinda Kelson says part of her wishes she was home, but the other part is happy to be safe in Banff.

Her sister has been fighting fires in Kinglake West, Victoria, a small community that is one of the areas worst-hit by the Australia wildfires. Kelson said at least 39 people have died in the community, and three of her friends have lost their homes.

"People there can't even read the news without crying."

Belinda Kelson

"People there can't even read the news without crying," Kelson said. "I'm still deciding whether or not to go home to be there with them, but my parents are telling me not to, that everything is fine."

Her sister worked as a volunteer firefighter when the blazes began Saturday, but was taken to hospital

for eye problems after her sunglasses melted onto her face during a rescue mission with four other firefighters.

"They were on their way back when the winds changed. They put out a mayday call because they thought they weren't going to make it out. At that time, my parents got a call from the fire station that a mayday call had been made and they all went to the station to wait."

"Somehow, they got back out into the open road and made it back safely."

News in brief

REAL ESTATE Almost one out of 10 office spaces in Calgary will go unused in 2009, according to a report released Thursday. Commercial real estate firm Avison Young says the real estate leasing market has a combined vacancy rate of 6.4 per cent and will climb to 9.6 per cent by the end of this year.

BIRDS AND BEES Mount Royal College students learned about something not usually on the curriculum yesterday. Representatives from Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Catholic faiths spoke to students about their perspective on sex. Organizers say students often just get the health perspective on sex, so this provides them an opportunity to hear where different people are coming from. **METRO CALGARY**

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Elementary teachers across Ontario have accepted the contract that the provincial government was calling its final offer. Education Minister Kathleen Wynne said if teachers didn't take the \$700-million offer, they would be stuck with a two-year deal worth much less. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Olympian faces child porn charges

John David (JD) Burnes, shown at left competing in the 2008 Summer Olympics, was one of the 31 people arrested last week in an Ontario-wide child pornography sweep. The 20-year-old Queen's University student is charged with one count each of possession of child pornography and one count of making available child pornography, but police would not give details about the charges. Burnes, a Toronto native, placed 63rd in the Beijing Games.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Many milestones left for VANOC

COUNTDOWN Organizers of the 2010 Vancouver Olympics still have to cross a number of milestones before the opening ceremonies take place Feb. 12, 2010 at B.C. Place Stadium. Among them:

- The designs for the 2010 medals and the Olympic cal-dron. No date has been publicly announced for either.
- Later this month,

VANOC will issue a call for performers to take part in the opening and closing ceremonies.

- March 12 marks the one-year countdown to the Paralympic Games.
- Tickets to the Paralympics go on sale May 6.
- The Olympic torch relay kicks off Oct. 30 in Victoria, B.C.

JEFF HODSON/METRO CANADA

News in brief

CHALLENGE Will the women jump? That's one of the unresolved issues one year ahead of the 2010 Olympics. While male ski jumpers are taking part in the Games, female jumpers have been told to stay grounded on the basis of there

being too few women competing worldwide. Ten female jumpers from six countries have filed a lawsuit alleging gender discrimination. The case opens in B.C. Supreme Court on April 20.

METRO CANADA

A 'magnificent' torch

Olympic flame to touch 'every life, every child, every family'

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada



VANCOUVER 2010 Games

A crowd of about 1,000 cheering people gathered in lightly falling snow in Whistler's village square Thursday morning to welcome the torch that will carry the Olympic flame in its 45,000-kilometre, 12,000-torchbearer relay across Canada in the months leading up to Vancouver's 2010 Games.

The torch, a graceful, curving modern design, is supposedly inspired by

Canada's winter landscape, particularly the "fluid lines" left in the snow from winter sports, said Pierre Beaudoin, CEO of Bombardier, the company that designed it.

The Vancouver 2010 torch is white on its sides and stainless steel on its front. It is 94 centimetres in length and weighs, with fuel, a light 1.6 kilograms. It widens in the middle and tapers gently



Olympic torchbearers Caleb Taylor and Patricia Moreno display the newly unveiled 2010 Olympic torch and torchbearer uniforms at a ceremony in Whistler, B.C., on Thursday morning.

What you need to know about

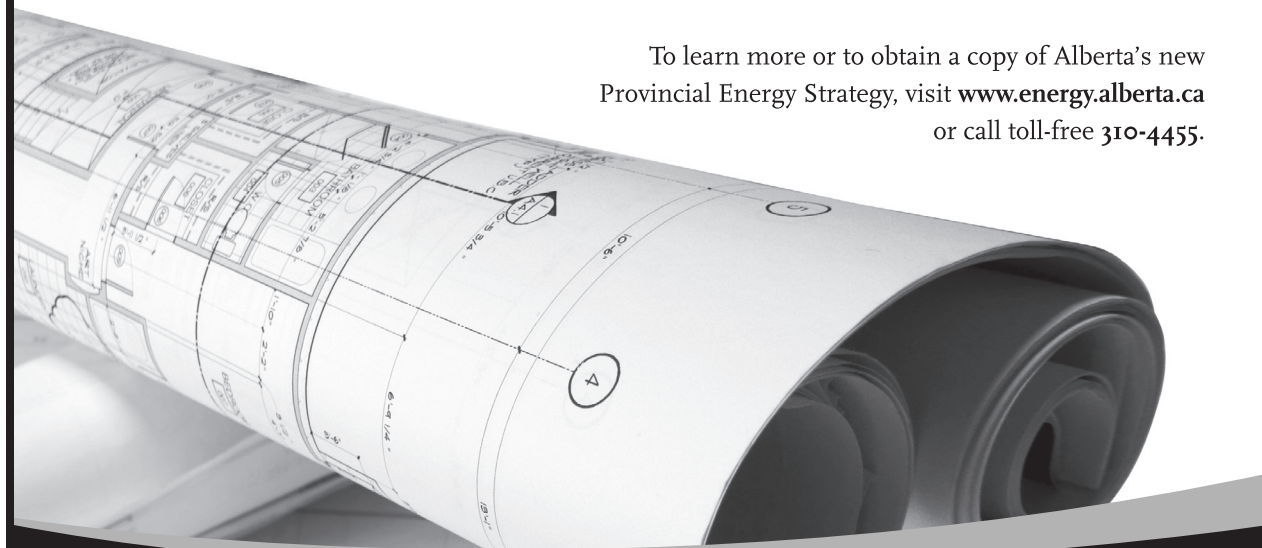
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upward to the burner. The Vancouver 2010 Inukshuk logo is emblazoned on either side.

Jacques Rogge, president of the International Olympic Committee, said he thought the Olympic torch was "magnificent," adding its flame "is a symbol of the fire burning in the hearts of all athletes."

VANOC CEO John Furlong said members of the Vancouver 2010 organizing committee would be travelling to Greece in October to bring the

Olympic flame to Canada.

"From the back of this torch will come a huge flowing yellow flame matching the spirit that we believe exists in our country," Furlong said. "As the flame goes around Canada it will go almost door-to-door, touching every life, every child, every family."

VIDEO Creators of the 2010 Olympic torch discuss the challenges of creating the ski-inspired design online at metronews.ca/canada

RCMP to limit Taser use

POLICY The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, acknowledging its officers have on occasion been too quick to use Tasers, said Thursday its members may now only fire the stun guns if there is a real threat to themselves or public safety.

The national police force also said officers have been warned that the weapons can

lic transport and, in one case, an elderly man who was strapped to a hospital stretcher.

"On June 18, 2008, all members of the RCMP were instructed that the CEW must only be used where it is necessary to do so in circumstances of threats to officer(s) or public safety," said RCMP Chief Commissioner William Elliott. "This requirement

Critics say the Mounties have used Tasers — also known as Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW) — too frequently and often zap suspects who pose no real threat. Such incidents include people trying to avoid paying fares on pub-

has subsequently been written into our formal policy. The fact that deploying CEW involves risk was also reinforced," he told a parliamentary committee on public safety.

REUTERS

Women with migraines face raised pregnancy risks

Women who have migraines may have a raised risk of suffering from high blood pressure during pregnancy, 2.85 times more likely than women who don't suffer migraines. They're also at risk of preeclampsia, a complication that can affect the mother and unborn baby, Italian researchers reported. **REUTERS**

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World



Speedy songbird migration

Migrating songbirds can get back up north to their breeding grounds in astonishingly fast time, with some travelling up to 577 kilometres a day, York University researchers reported on Thursday. Data from geo-tracked purple martins and wood thrushes showed the birds moseyed south in the fall, but raced north in the spring, perhaps to snatch up the best nesting sites and mates. **REUTERS**

6 arrested in Mumbai probe

Pakistan was holding in custody the suspected ringleader and five other suspects in the conspiracy behind a militant attack that killed 179 people in Mumbai, the top Pakistani Interior Ministry official said on Thursday.

"Some part of the conspiracy has taken place in Pakistan," Rehman Malik, adviser to the prime minister on the interior, told a news conference, noting that six suspects were in custody and two were known but still at large.

Pakistani officials shared the findings of the investi-

Tensions still high

• Since the attack on Mumbai between Nov. 26 and 28, tensions have remained high as India maintains the plot was hatched in Pakistan by a jihadist group called Laskhar-e-Taiba.

gation with India's envoy in Islamabad. The Indian Foreign Ministry issued a statement describing the Pakistani actions as a "positive development."

Tracing telephone calls and bank transfers had led to the capture of a key fig-

ure in the conspiracy, Hammad Amin Sadiq, Malik said, calling him "the main operator."

The spokesman noted Pakistan has learned "the full rundown" from some of the arrested, including details of the plot: how terrorists sailed from Karachi to Mumbai on a fishing vessel, the training they were given and the equipment used.

Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, Zarar Shah and Javed Iqbal were still in custody, Malik said, as well as two partially identified men called Khan and Riaz. **REUTERS**

Venezuela Chavez rule at stake



A supporter of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez campaigns in front of a mural of socialist hero Ernesto Che Guevara in Caracas Wednesday. Chavez, hoping to extend his socialist revolution for another decade or more, is playing for his future on Sunday in a referendum on changing the constitution to scrap term limits for the president and other politicians. **REUTERS**

Many nations ignore human trafficking: UN

HUMAN RIGHTS Human trafficking, mostly of women and children, for the sex trade or forced labour market appears to be getting worse because many countries are ignoring the problem, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime said Thursday.

It gave no figure for the number of people trafficked every year, but a U.S. State Department report has put it at 800,000 compared with the International Labour Organization's 2005 estimate that 2.5 million people were being trafficked annually.

The UNODC study said 40 per cent of affected countries had not posted a single conviction, crucial to deterrence. **REUTERS**

News in brief

INDIA Thousands of women are vowing on Valentine's Day to go bar-hopping and send cartoons of pink panties to a radical group that has branded outgoing females immoral. Sri Ram Sena has said pubs are for men, and that women should stay at home and cook.

VATICAN Pope Benedict, trying to defuse a controversy over a Holocaust-denying bishop, calling the act of Holocaust denial a "terrible crime," especially coming from a clergyman. He also announced an upcoming trip to Israel in May. **REUTERS**

Scientists knew satellite crash possible early on

SPACE European space scientists were aware of the potential for a close encounter between Russian and U.S. satellites before they crashed.

But the difficulty of predicting orbits and "noise" from thousands of pieces of debris made a definitive prediction of a collision impossible.

Philippe Goudy, deputy director of the French space operations control centre,

said data showed a "possible approach" but it didn't "necessarily mean a collision."

The crash between a privately owned U.S. communications satellite and a defunct Russian military satellite occurred Tuesday 780 kilometres above the Arctic in a crowded polar orbit used by satellites that monitor weather, relay communications and perform scientific surveys. **REUTERS**

Livni confirmed winner in final results

ISRAEL Final results of Israel's parliamentary election confirmed on Thursday that the centrist Kadima party of Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni won the contest with 28 seats over Benjamin Netanyahu's right-wing Likud, with 27 seats.

The count did nothing to resolve a dispute between the two parties over who should head the next government. Netanyahu

claims he should lead a coalition, because of parliament's broad right-wing majority that would back him.

Avigdor Lieberman's far-right Yisrael Beiteinu won 15 seats and the ultra-Orthodox Shas party has 11 seats. Left-wing Labour took just 13. Netanyahu says this gives him a better chance of forming a coalition than Livni. **REUTERS**

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In these hard economic times, who wouldn't like to win \$500,000? Heck, I'd like to win half a million no matter what the economy is doing!

And that's exactly what Russell Quantz hoped would happen when he entered one of the biggest contests in Canada, the Reader's Digest Sweepstakes.

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brochures, advertising products for sale — like CDs, books and DVDs.

Now, you don't have to buy the products to play the sweepstakes, but we've learned their marketing tactics have left a lot of Canadians confused.

Like Russell Quantz, of Claresholm,

Alta. He thought the more products he ordered, the better his chance of winning the sweepstakes.

And no wonder. The letters from Reader's Digest talked about a "completed cash release confirmation," "cash guaranteed for award..." and "a prize reference code." And the envelopes were stamped with words like "urgent," "reply immediately," "don't delay!" He thought that meant he was days away from this \$500,000 dream.



More tips to protect yourself and family from spending money on sweepstakes at metronews.ca/johnson

Trouble is, Quantz spent almost \$7,000 chasing that dream — a bill with Reader's Digest so big, he couldn't pay it. And he's not the

only one who's gone into debt thinking they were about to get rich. We've heard from many

people saying they feel misled by the company's marketing. One Canadian family has even filed a class action lawsuit against Reader's Digest Canada after a family member spent \$8,000 on products.

A crackdown south of the border forced Reader's Digest U.S. to change its marketing tactics. Now, in the U.S., every letter from Reader's Digest has to include a

separate piece of paper spelling out in BIG print that people don't have to buy products to play the sweepstakes. And Reader's Digest has to write any customer who spends more than \$1,000 in a six-month period — and tell them they don't have to buy products.

But in Canada, it's business as usual. Reader's Digest Canada declined an interview request and instead sent us a letter. Its main point — its rules are perfectly clear. By the way, those rules are typed in fine print so small you practically need a magnifying glass to read it.

It's all made Quantz doubt the Reader's Digest motto: Canada's "Most Read, Most Trusted" magazine.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. (9 p.m. NT) on CBC Television.

"Their marketing tactics have left a lot of Canadians confused."



Letters

Might be time to eliminate public funding for U of C

Re: U of C pro-life club stripped of recognition, funding (Feb. 11)

It might be time to have U of C public funding eliminated. Apparently, it is a private institution and does not respect freedom of speech.

I don't want my taxes paying for U of C's police state-like institution of "higher learning" and "political correctness."

ROB ALLEN, CALGARY

Don't believe something without searching for truth

Re: Delegates decry flower trade (Feb. 10)

As a Colombian and professional in international

commerce, I was saddened to see how a small group of people got people's attention with "unreal" news.

Before I came to Vancouver, I used to live in Medellin, Colombia. It was called "the capital of the flowers" before being called "the capital of cocaine." It's not easy for Colombians to change people's minds about our country, so we try to do so with good things like flowers, coffee, bananas, coal and other products.

We had a farm beside these camps and I never saw 10-year-old children working on these fields.

Canadians, please do not believe something without searching for the truth.

LUIS ARDILA, VANCOUVER

Views

Splitting hairs over the recession

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Janice Paskey



I once had a high school boyfriend who was disdainful of a friend. "He tells grandmother stories," he'd say with disgust.

So bear with me on this one. My grandparents ran a storefront barber shop/beauty salon during the Depression. They survived, they told me many times, because people were still willing to pay to get haircuts. This grandmother story is a harbinger to the economy.

Decades later, I can still remember Saturday morn-

ings in their shop; the perm solution from my grandmother's side, the cigarette smoke from grandfather's barbershop. Then, there was the rough sound of the long razor running across beard stubble during hot shaves.

It's fair to say this is not a depression. Economists say that in Calgary, unemployment is only 3.7 per cent, or lower. It's not bad, unless, of course, you're one of the unemployed. Those numbers seem to be growing.

But one thing Statistics Canada doesn't do is take the barometer of the city by that time-honoured indicator: Hair.

Last Saturday, I deliberated. Could I justify spending \$85 on a haircut? It's not like my own circumstances had changed. Yet, I felt self-conscious about spending

money as others were losing jobs, and the Calgary party sobered up.

It used to be that "how's the job going" was good old Calgary chit-chat. A response was usually filled with news of a job change, a bonus or promotion. A friend had given me the card of a stylist in Kensington who charges \$35.

But it wasn't fair to cancel at the last minute. My own grandparents lived off the spoils of vanity. So, I went.

There was a new shampoo guy. We chatted. He'd been with Pengrowth Energy Trust, he tells me, then his division was outsourced; the new company laid him off.

When a friend suggested this shampooing job, he took it. But what's next? "I don't have a degree," he

says, "I think, at 40, I'm too old to start cutting hair." Indeed, it's a good profession. Average earnings are between \$43,000 and \$59,000 in this province, with top stylists earning well beyond that. Alberta's labour market projections indicate a continuing need for hairstylists. It might be the place to be.

Moving across the floor to the chair, my hairstylist tells me of a client who says her whole oil division was laid off. Then he adds: "This is the first week I can remember when I've had cancellations."

I felt uneasy. Forget the stock market, the hair market tells me what I need to know.

Janice Paskey teaches journalism at Mount Royal College, serves on her community association board and is proud mom to two boys.

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Shock jock Howard Stern dismissed the financial troubles plaguing Sirius XM Radio Inc. as "growing pains" and said he believes satellite radio will be a successful business amid reports that the company is preparing for a possible bankruptcy filing. **REUTERS**

Howard Stern says satellite radio will survive

Business

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Wealthy seeking love

Wall Street Cupids find business booming

It's all doom and gloom on Wall Street, but high-end matchmakers say when America's wealthiest bachelors are humbled, some start looking for love.

"In these economic times, the dynamics have really shifted in favour of relationships," said Rachel Greenwald, matchmaker and author of a new book called *Why He Didn't Call You Back*.

"Casual dating seemed to be a byproduct of the go-go days of past years when the stock market was booming," Greenwald said.

"People had disposable money and they wanted disposable relationships. Now things have really shifted emotionally."

Samantha Daniels says she has more clients than

Valentine's Day

ever willing to pay \$25,000 and up a year to meet women through her company, Samantha's Table. She said some men simply have more time to focus on relationships now because their business is on hold, for example those who work in real estate or hedge funds.

Others are not in the mood for endless first dates with different women and want a partner who will deal with their ups and downs.

Amy Andersen, founder of Linx Dating in California, said February is set to be her best month ever.

She recently spent a

"In these economic times, the dynamics have really shifted in favour of relationships."

Rachel Greenwald, matchmaker

week at a luxury hotel in New York interviewing some 20 women for a client who wanted to meet a graduate of the same Ivy League university he attended.

The client, who paid more than \$50,000 for the search, is "slowly dating one of the girls and trying to figure out if there's long-term potential there," Andersen said.

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Indonesia Denouncing coal



Greenpeace activists and local community representatives take part in a protest outside the Cila-cap coal plant in Indonesia yesterday to denounce the construction of more such plants. More than 3,000 residents or 90 per cent of people living around the plant suffer from respiratory illnesses that can be attributed to dust pollution coming from it, local media recently reported.

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Manulife posts \$1.87B quarterly loss

REPORT Manulife Financial Corp., Canada's largest insurer, reported a big quarterly loss yesterday, hit by a jump in reserves and plummeting global stock markets.

The company said it lost \$1.87 billion, or \$1.24 a share, in the fourth quarter ended Dec. 31, compared with a profit of \$1.14 billion, or 75 cents a share, in the same period last year.

Early warning

- The insurer had warned in December that it expected to report a fourth quarter loss of around \$1.5 billion because of the effects of lower stock markets on investments and other revenue.

Manulife said the sharp decline in global equity markets had led it to in-

crease its balance sheet reserves to cover investment guarantees linked to some of its products to \$5.783 billion at the end of 2008 from \$526 million at the end of 2007.

If equity markets recover, some of these reserves may flow into net income, Manulife said.

Meanwhile, revenue was said to have risen to \$11.65 billion from \$10.28 billion a year earlier. **REUTERS**

Canwest may go bankrupt: Analysts

MEDIA Debt-laden Canwest Global Communications Corp., Canada's biggest media company, may face bankruptcy as the weak economy wreaks havoc on its stable of television stations and newspapers, and buyers for its assets fail to materialize.

Canwest, publisher of the *National Post* daily newspaper, has said it will

try to exit non-core businesses and is considering the sale of five conventional TV stations. But analysts say there may not be any prospective purchasers waiting in the wings.

Even if the properties are sold, the proceeds would barely make a dent in Canwest's debtload of about \$3.7 billion.

Shares of Canwest were

changing hands at 49 cents each on the Toronto Stock Exchange. About a year ago, they were worth \$6.11 each.

"Indeed the signs seem ominous," Credit Suisse analyst Randal Rudniski wrote to clients last week. "A Chapter 11 (bankruptcy protection) filing is certainly a possibility."

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EARNINGS Canadian Tire Corp. reported a 20 per cent drop in quarterly profit yesterday, earning \$101.2 million, but the company's shares were up six per cent at \$41.02 on the Toronto Stock Exchange as the results came in better than analysts had expected.

LAYOFFS Aircraft engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney Canada said yesterday it will lay off up to 1,000 workers from its global operations and force employees to take 10 unpaid days off this year as it struggles with a plunge in the business jet market.

RETAIL Sales at U.S. retailers rebounded in January by one per cent, government data showed yesterday, likely boosted by post-holiday discounts and providing a rare glimmer of hope for the recession-hit economy.

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Coca-Cola profit better than expected

Coca-Cola Co. posted a better-than-expected quarterly profit of \$995 million US yesterday, causing shares to rise six per cent. **REUTERS**

business 11

Great-West loses \$907M

Great-West Lifeco Inc., Canada's second-largest insurer by market value, reported a big quarterly loss yesterday as it took more than \$1.4 billion in charges related to its Boston-based Putnam money management unit.

Great-West reported a loss of \$907 million, or \$1.011 a share, in its fourth quarter ended Dec. 31.

That compared with a profit of \$537 million, or 60.1 cents a share, in the year-earlier period.

The insurer said adjusted net income from continuing operations was 58.6 cents per common share in the quarter.

The insurer, controlled by Montreal-based Power Financial, took a series of hefty charges related to

the Putnam Investments operation it acquired in 2007. This included a non-cash impairment charge of \$1.35 billion after-tax in connection with Putnam's goodwill and intangible assets.

Winnipeg-based Great-West said it also took a restructuring charge of \$45 million related to the money manager. **REUTERS**

Hindu group to launch cows' urine soda

INDIA A hardline Hindu organization, known for its opposition to "corrupting" western food imports, is planning to launch a new soft drink made from cows' urine, often seen as sacred in parts of India.

The Rashtriya Swayam-sevak Sangh (RSS), or National Volunteer Corps, said the bovine beverage is undergoing laboratory tests for the next two to three months but did not give a specific date for its commercial release.

Urine's value

- Many Hindus consider cow urine to have medicinal properties, and it is often drunk in religious festivals.

The flavour is not yet known, but the RSS said the liquid produced by Hinduism's revered holy cows is being mixed with products such as aloe vera and gooseberry to fight dis-

eases such as diabetes and cancer.

The organization, which aims to transform India's secular society and establish the supremacy of a Hindu majority, said it had not decided on a name or a price for the drink.

"Cow urine offers a cure for around 70 to 80 incurable diseases like diabetes. All are curable by cow urine," said Om Prakash, the head of the RSS Cow Protection Department. **REUTERS**

Recession to last at least 3 years: Experts

FORECAST The current recession will last at least three years and possibly longer absent a revival in credit markets, according to investors who specialize in distressed debt and bankruptcy.

"This is going to be a three- to four-year disaster," said Michael Psaros, managing partner at KPS Capital Partners.

Holly Etlin, a managing director at AlixPartners, said financial distress will last three to five years due to a lack of liquidity in credit markets and lack of debtor-in-possession financing used by bankrupt companies to reorganize operations. **REUTERS**

Google to stop broadcast radio ads

MEDIA Google Inc. said it will stop selling advertising for broadcast radio, and plans to sell its Radio Automation business, acknowledging that the three-year project had failed.

Google said it hoped to find other roles for the majority of those that worked

in its radio businesses, but estimated that up to 40 people may be laid off.

"We have always accepted that if you take risks not all of them will pay off," Google's vice-president of product management, Susan Wojcicki, wrote on the company's blog yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Sports

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Flames **SoCal swing continues in L.A.**

Jarome Iginla fights for the puck with the Kings' Drew Doughty in Los Angeles last night. The Flames won 2-0. For a full game recap, visit www.metronews.ca/sports.



Arrests made in Phelps case

Authorities in South Carolina have been arresting people as they seek to make a case against the superstar swimmer, lawyers for two arrested people said Thursday. The lawyers said their two clients were renters at the house where the party in which Phelps was photographed smoking from a bong took place.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Pressure starts now

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Brian Burke can already see it and Steve Yzerman can already feel it: the pressure to win Olympic gold in hockey is all on Canada.

Burke, the GM of the American entry, and Yzerman, the GM of Team Canada, held separate conference calls to talk about their selection process with the Olympic hockey tournament one year away.

"I was there in Vancouver when they opened that envelope (to award the 2010 games)," said Burke. "At that moment, all the pressure shifted to the Canadian team for the hockey part of this tournament."

"Our (U.S.) squad is going to fly under the radar. That's fine. There's going to be this huge glacier of pressure on the Canadian team."

While Burke was busy piling the pressure on Canada,

Yzerman tried to manage national expectations a little bit.

"I think everyone has to realize and accept the fact that in these tournaments — one-game elimination — anything can happen," said Yzerman.

Yzerman was far more comfortable talking about the kind of team he wants to wear the Red and White in the Olympics. It sounds a lot like the team that wears red and white in the NHL.

"I don't expect to be run and gun. We're not going to sit back and be a defensive team, sit back and trap. We've got to attack, we've got to defend," said Yzerman. "The Red Wings won the Stanley Cup and they were excellent in both ends of the rink."

With the Olympic hockey tournament one year away, Yzerman was taking questions on a conference call on Thursday as he

outlined his philosophy on how he intends to build a team.

One-dimensional checkers need not apply.

"I don't want to leave off of goal scorer to bring in a guy who's a designated third-line checker," said Yzerman.

"That doesn't make sense. The best defensive lines are guys who can do it in both ends of the rink."

A coaching staff will be

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Team USA
GM Brian Burke

named shortly after the Stanley Cup is awarded, with invitations extended to players by July 1 to attend a weeklong camp Aug. 24 in Calgary.

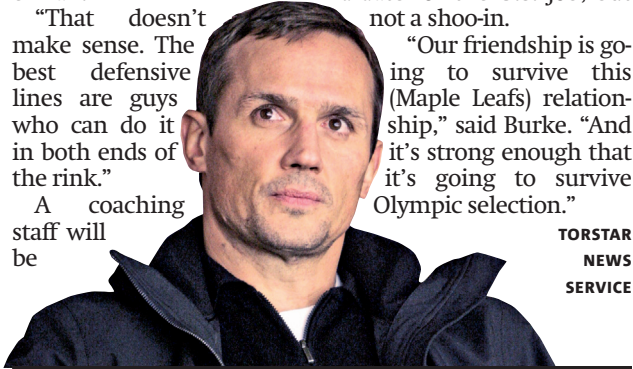
But Yzerman confessed he's faced with an embarrassment of riches in trying to pare a roster down to 13 forwards, seven defencemen and three goalies.

For one thing, depth at centre suggests Yzerman could have players playing out of position. Consider the availability of centres Sidney Crosby, Ryan Getzlaf, Vincent Lecavalier, Marc Savard, Eric Staal, Jeff Carter, Mike Richards, and Jonathan Toews.

Burke has his own bit of stickhandling to do when it comes to picking his coach. His friend and Maple Leafs coach, Ron Wilson, is a candidate for the U.S. job, but not a shoo-in.

"Our friendship is going to survive this (Maple Leafs) relationship," said Burke. "And it's strong enough that it's going to survive Olympic selection."

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Stamps re-sign Browner

CFL All-star cornerback Brandon Browner returned to the Calgary Stampeders on Thursday, signing a one-year deal with the defending Grey Cup champions.

Browner said the biggest reason for his re-

turn was the opportunity to win a Grey Cup on home turf next season.

The six-foot-three, 210-pound Browner originally signed with Calgary in 2007 and was a CFL all-star last season.

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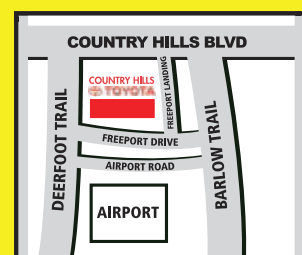
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Selig speaks on A-Rod admission

MLB Baseball commissioner Bud Selig released a statement Thursday addressing Alex Rodriguez admission to steroid use.

"What Alex did was wrong and he will have to live with the damage he has done to his name and reputation" Selig said.

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Colangelo working for the weekend

Bryan Colangelo arrived in his old stomping grounds a marked man, someone who'll be very popular with his fellow NBA general managers during the all-star weekend in Phoenix.

The Toronto Raptors president has made no secret of

the fact he's dissatisfied with some aspects of his team's play and, with the NBA trade deadline less than a week away, the normal chatter he has with rival general managers will take on a far more serious tone.

Colangelo will most likely

seek out whoever is in Phoenix representing the Miami Heat to discuss the still-alive talks involving Jermaine O'Neal and Shawn Marion. Despite O'Neal's strong play — defensively, in particular — the Raptors are still seeking the financial relief (Marion's roughly \$17

million salary comes off the books after this season) the deal would bring, and the under-sized Heat can use a player of O'Neal's calibre.

The two teams have traded medical records on the key players involved (not an uncommon occurrence in significant trade talks) and there have been unconfirmed reports O'Neal has been examined in person by members of Miami's medical staff.

The possibility of an O'Neal trade seems to be the only serious one the Raptors are investigating, although things tend to heat up over the all-star weekend and on the final three days before the deadline.

It's not as if Colangelo is dealing from strength in

Many believe Jermaine O'Neal will not be a Raptor this time next week.

NBA All-Star facts

Dunk contest/Saturday

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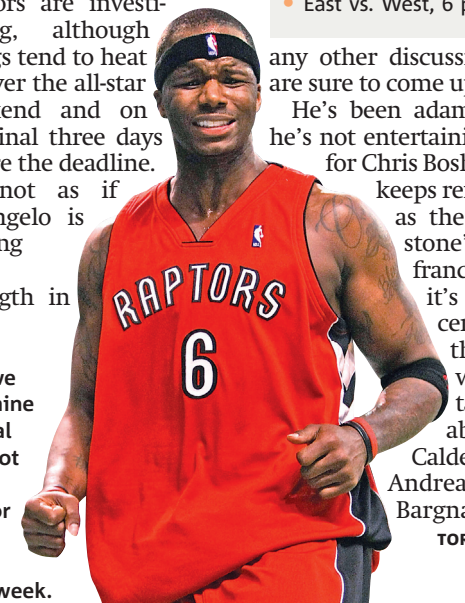
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any other discussions that are sure to come up.

He's been adamant that he's not entertaining offers for Chris Bosh, who he keeps referring to as the "cornerstone" of the franchise and it's a virtual certainty that he won't be talking about Jose Calderon and Andrea Bargnani.

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Shop 'til you drop

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Clive Owen stars in the thriller The International.

Plot grounds International

The International

Director: Tom Tykwer
Stars: Clive Owen, Naomi Watts
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●½

STEVE GOW
 for Metro Canada



There should be no doubt that *The International* is a big movie. It's practically the only revealing aspect one might reason from its vague, inconclusive title.

Indeed, filmed in four countries across two continents, *The International* may be a global thriller, but it may also be too

sprawling for its own good.

Interpol agent Louis Salinger (Clive Owen) has dedicated his career to taking down a powerful international bank that has been secretly dealing in financing terrorism around the world. After an associate is mysteriously killed, he seeks support from a Manhattan District Attorney (Naomi Watts) and sets out to chase down the cold-blooded corporate culprits from Berlin to Milan to New York and Istanbul.

Unfortunately, as fascinating as these locales are — and director Tom Tykwer (*Run Lola Run*) does make them look fantastic — this worldwide chase becomes plodding and tiresome early on by an eagerness to establish expanse (we all get it, it's a big bank).

In fact, it isn't until Salinger finds himself in a well-choreographed shoot-out in Manhattan's Guggenheim that *The International* becomes the

On the web

• For a trailer and screen times for *The International*, visit metronews.com/movies.

taut, suspenseful homage to '70s thrillers like *The French Connection* that it aspires to be. In this scene, Tykwer exceeds at creating an intensely thrilling sequence that will surely end up *The International's* lone lasting impression.

Playing an all-but-defeated obsessive, Owen looks authentically exhausted. He appears as disheveled and worn as his world-weary character but then, that might've been more because of the actor's exaggerated travel schedule.

In the end, it's the superfluous, tedious story that bogs down *The International* and makes its audience feel jet-lagged — as if they were the ones dragged across four countries and two continents.

No scares in Friday

Friday the 13th

Director: Marcus Nispel
Stars: Jared Padalecki
Classification: R
Rating: ●●

STEVE GOW
 for Metro Canada



REVIEW When director Gus Van Sant remade *Psycho* back in 1998, it was slayed by critics. Although trying to recreate the Hitchcock classic shot-for-shot was a daft experiment, it was doomed to fail. You cannot recapture lightning in a bottle twice. Why even try?

Friday the 13th is one so-called classic in which that strategy may have actually helped. After all, the original 1980 version was a low-budget, low-brow horror flick that looks horrific by today's standards. A revamped shot-by-shot remake from a talented director might actually give the gore-fest some gas.

Instead, director Marcus Nispel "re-imagines" *Friday the 13th* and its classic killer Jason Voorhees by form-fitting it into a common model. Sure, he gives the franchise a much-needed steroid boost but by turning the film's awareness in on itself, he loses the authenticity of the horror.

The plot is simple (and familiar): When his sister goes



Classic silver screen killer Jason Voorhees returns in the remake of *Friday the 13th*.

missing, Clay Miller (Jared Padalecki of TV's *Supernatural*) heads out to the woods near Camp Crystal Lake with an armful of flyers. There, he meets a group of arrogant rich kids and discovers the remains of an old cabin. Want to guess what happens next?

There's no mistaking Friday's intentions — this is definitely for Jason Voorhees fans. But, with very little suspense to speak of, *Friday the 13th* isn't scary at all...unless of course, you're a film critic.

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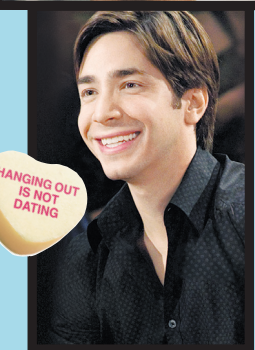
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Shopaholic deserves credit

Confessions of a Shopaholic

Director: P.J. Hogan

Stars: Isla Fisher, Hugh Dancy

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●●

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Confessions of a Shopaholic doesn't disappoint as a fluffy chick flick with a bit of a message that may be perfectly in time with the global recession.

But leave your credit cards at home when you go see it. It takes some will power to avoid the temptation to shop after being inundated with fashion eye candy for just under two hours.

True to Sophie Kinsella's book of the same name, Shopaholic's main character

Rebecca Bloomwood (Isla Fisher) is a hardcore shopping addict who's racked up over \$9,000 in credit card debt.

It's a fun interpretation of the first in the best-selling Shopaholic series and lives up to Jerry Bruckheimer quality with plenty of laughs and a sweet — however pre-

dictable — romance between Fisher and hot up-and-coming Brit Hugh Dancy.

Fisher is well-chosen for the part as the charismatic and vivacious, but at times goofy and awkward, Rebecca who seems ignorant of her own beauty and talent as a journalist.

On the web

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The best part of the film is a dancing scene with her leading man where Fisher goes full-tilt on the goofy train, a segment which Dancy says was completely improvised.

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Sea 3-D stunning

Under the Sea 3-D**Director:** Howard Hall**Classification:** STC**Rating:** ●●●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



Visually stunning from the first frame to the last and laced with plenty of information that will subtly educate the stunned and awed audience, Under the Sea 3-D is one of the most impressive examples of the IMAX 3-D format to date.

The film was directed by Howard Hall, whose previous underwater IMAX project, Deep Sea 3-D, is the second highest grossing IMAX doc to date. Hall is a master of creating immersive 3-D images that bring the audience as close to actual underwater diving as possible without getting wet (perhaps next time he can equip theaters with special sprinkler systems to bring the experience to the next level).

The movie is filled with unforgettable images that come alive on the massive IMAX screens. Some sequences such as a sea turtle eating a jellyfish or the bizarre mating rituals of the giant cuttlefish have an almost hypnotic pictorial beauty.

When combined with the increasingly impressive mod-



A scene from IMAX film Under the Sea 3-D.

ern 3-D technology the result is gorgeously stylized, yet realistic enough to have children and gullible adults grasping at the screen. Due to the vast scope of the IMAX screen the 3-D technology is not merely a gimmick like the goofy '50s horror films John Candy used to mock on SCTV, but an incredible form of immersive visual storytelling that makes the screen feel like a window.

There's no denying that the primary success of Under the Sea lies in its wow

factor. Jim Carrey narrates the piece, dropping facts to keep things educational, but frequently the imagery is so compelling that it can be difficult to concentrate on anything else.

The IMAX 3-D format is perhaps ideally suited to a film like Baraka that exists purely as a sensory experience, but given that many of the world's IMAX screens are still in museums and science centres, an educational aspect to these films is a necessity.

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Saving Luna a killer whale of a tale

Saving Luna**Director:** Suzanne Chisholm, Michael Parfit**Classification:** STC**Rating:** ●●●●

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A scene from Saving Luna.

ael Parfit who came to Gold River to write a news story about Luna and became enamoured with the Orca.

Parfit's narration, framed like a children's story, comes off as condescending and his long passages of exposition grow tiresome.

But by becoming a participant in Luna's story (he and partner Chisholm actively lobbied the DFO over the situation), Parfit breaks a journalistic fourth wall, irreparably damaging the film's credibility.

Still, Luna is a very charming whale, a fact that shines through the film's clunky and at times one-sided story telling, and makes this worthwhile viewing.

REVIEW Despite the emergence of documentaries as a viable box-office force, nature docs have remained firmly on the cinematic sidelines. Saving Luna makes the case that such films might have a place in the mainstream and almost succeeds, albeit, in spite of itself.

The film chronicles the plight of a lone Orca whale that appeared in the waters off the west coast of Vancouver Island in 2001 and endeared him to the nearby residents in Gold River.

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Music

Loving these songs is hard to do

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

There are many who don't feel the love this time of year, who view Valentine's Day — and romance in general — as foolish sentimental rubbish, often concisely framed in bad pop songs.

That said, we've pooled opinions on some of the worst love songs of all time, just in time for the big day. And way to go Cancon — three of them are Canadian.

• **Everything I Do (I Do It For You), Bryan Adams:** With its sauntering tempo and maudlin lyrics, this 1991 song by the Canadian rocker-turned-shutterbug calls up images of adolescent boys and girls standing on opposite sides of the

gymnasium, until forced by the teacher to pair up and awkwardly hold each other while waddling in a spacious circle.



• **My Heart Will Go On, Celine Dion:** Pretty much anything done by Quebec's greatest mistake will induce bile faster than ingesting a bowl of week-old poutine, but there's a special place in hell for this one. The histrionic, maple-flavoured sap of Dion's most notorious work will have you rejoicing at Leonardo DiCaprio's death in Titanic. "Jack, I'm flying," Kate Winslet says. Jack, I'm throwing up in my mouth.

• **Every Rose Has Its Thorn, Poison:** Just like every hair band has a crap love song. Frontman Bret Michaels wrote this power ballad after an affair with a Los Angeles stripper went bad.



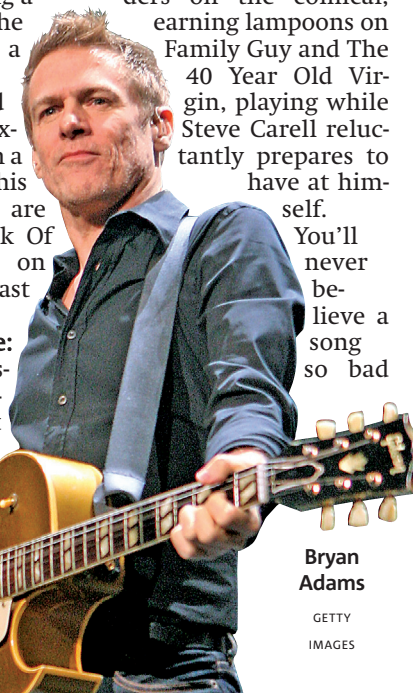
Celine Dion
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Dejected after hearing a man's voice in the background during a phone call to her, Michaels concocted this noxious faux-country tale of woe in a laundromat. Today, his romantic misfires are documented on Rock Of Love, a TV series on which you can at least change the channel.

• **Hello, Lionel Richie:** A romantic R&B classic from multi-platinum album Can't Slow Down, guaranteed

to make you giggle more than swoon. The singer's vulnerability borders on the comical, earning lampoons on Family Guy and The 40 Year Old Virgin, playing while Steve Carell reluctantly prepares to have at himself.



Bryan Adams
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The Good

On the other hand, here are some classic love songs:

- My Girl, The Temptations,
- At Last, Etta James
- Who's That Lady, The Isley Brothers
- Angie, Rolling Stones

could be so enjoyable.

• **Still The One, Shania Twain:** This Canadian country catastrophe is more likely to encourage a coma than a romance. It plays while you fall half-asleep in the waiting room at the dentist's office, it's the tune that's sung by the tone-deaf waitress on karaoke Tuesday nights and the song your uncle and aunt slow-dance to on their 25th wedding anniversary (which I suppose is romantic in its way).

Love, Hate and The Von Bondies

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

It used to be every band's dream — sign to a major label, record a disc, and watch the money roll in. But after hearing what the Von Bondies went through on their big name label, it's no wonder more acts are turning to indies.

"One of the main guys at Sire told us that we're not emo enough," says Jason Stollsteimer, the band's lead singer. "My answer was good, I want off the label. But, it took two years to get out of our contract."

Costly lawyers were involved, he wasn't allowed to

release anything the four-some recorded and he almost gave up music forever. "I stopped playing for a year and a half cold turkey because I was pissed," he reveals. "What's the point of writing songs when no one is ever going to hear them?"

To make matters worse, the singer got divorced from his wife of four years. "I realized I was not made to be at home," he explains. "It was the best eye opener I ever had."

After finally extracting themselves from Sire, and with Stollsteimer's personal life in order, the band was ready to produce their follow-up to 2004's Pawn Shoppe Heart and one of

their most invigorating releases in years.

Love, Hate and Then There's You, is a daring, in-your-face 12-song blast of amped-up garage rock. It's loaded with soaring, sing-along vocals and a screw you attitude that likely comes from all the trials and tribulations the band's faced over the last few years.

Some fans might long for the blues-influenced tunes the Von Bondies released on their first disc, Lack of Communication, but Stollsteimer says he's never going back to the old days.

"Blues purists won't like this record," he says. "We're not playing blues. We're not regurgitating something

that happened 40 years ago. We know too much to go back."

While they might have removed the blues from their past, one thing they can't completely shake from their history is Stollsteimer's bar fight with The White Stripes' Jack White. The punch-up resulted in a heap of negative press for the Von Bondies.

Luckily, most of the backlash has faded, except with "obsessed Stripes fans and bloggers" and it's not a big deal for Stollsteimer anymore, especially considering what else he's had to deal with since. "That's so far behind me. It's a tiny little blip in my life," he says.



The Von Bondies new album, Love, Hate and Then There's You, is a daring, in-your-face 12-song blast of amped-up garage rock.

"Getting divorced was way worse than that."

Whatever life has in store for Stollsteimer going forward, he knows two things for sure — he'll never sign to another major again and he'll keep playing music as

long as he can.

"I own the songs right now and I control everything," he says. "It's not so much about money — I'd make more having a normal job — but this is my drug of choice."

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Music

Eminem, pals drop No. 1 single

CHARTS The rap triumvirate of Eminem, Dr. Dre and 50 Cent soared 77 places to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart on Thursday.

Their collaboration Crack a Bottle sold 418,000 downloads during its first week of availability, outpacing the old first-week record of 335,000 downloads shifted last October by T.I.'s Live Your Life featuring Rihanna. **REUTERS**

TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

1. Poker Face Lady Gaga
2. Live Your Life T.I. ft. Rihanna
3. Right Now Akon
4. Whatever You Like T.I.
5. I'm So Paid Akon
6. Let It Rock Kevin Rudolf
7. Heartless Kanye West
8. Single Ladies Beyoncé
9. Love Story Taylor Swift
10. Sex On Fire Kings Of Leon

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Avoid a mixtape mishap

The true meaning behind these love songs might surprise you

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If your plans this Valentine's Day include creating a mixtape for your beloved, here are some helpful hints that will help you avoid anyone, er, misinterpreting your true intentions.

• **One, U2:** Like U2 themselves, I've been to far too many weddings where this has been the bride and groom's first dance and each time I cringe. First, the song had such a difficult birth that it almost resulted in the breakup of U2. More importantly, is the grudging love/hate na-

ture of the lyrics. The wrong message: We're together, but only because we have to be to survive.

• **With or Without You, U2:** Sure, it sounds all romantic, but again, take a very close listen to the lyrics. The song is written from the perspective of a man who both loves and reviles the object of his affections and is tortured by the contradictions of the relationship. The wrong message: Women — can't live with them, can't live without them.

• **Every**

Valentine's Day

Breath You Take, The Police: A track that sounds like a love song, but is actually a statement of malicious intent by a stalker. And do you really want to include a song that Sting was inspired to write after he separated from his first wife?

On a happier note, Sting was in

Every Breath You Take sounds like a love song, but is actually a statement of malicious intent by a stalker.

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Jamaica at the time and wrote the song on the same desk that Ian Fleming used when he wrote all those James Bond novels. Then again, James Bond isn't the most faithful of men, either, is he? The wrong message: I'm watching you — and I'm gonna get you when you least expect it.

• **Crash into Me, Dave Matthews Band:** Just like Every Breath You Take, the narrator of the song is a stalker-ish creep, specifically a peeping tom. And the bit about being "tied up and twisted?" Hmm. The wrong message: I'm a perv.

• **The Best of My Love, The Eagles:** Don Henley's ode to inadequacy. What part of "You got the best of my love/I guess that wasn't enough" is unclear? The wrong message: I did my best to please you, but I

I've been to far too many weddings where (U2's One) has been the bride and groom's first dance and each time I cringe.

guess I'm just an inadequate dork.

• **The One I Love, REM:** Forget the angry minor key for a second, although that doesn't help. Instead, skip to the part where Michael Stipe calls the subject of the song "A simple prop to occupy my time." The wrong message: You're a waste of space and I feel abandoned because of it.

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Extended Bachelor party

Bachelor fans, get ready for more drama. With the relationship series blazing in the ratings this season, ABC has ordered a one-hour special to air the day after the finale. "The end of this series is the best we've ever had," said creator Mike Fleiss. **REUTERS**

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Oscar's omissions

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Although there may not have been an earth-shattering dark horse, there was one notable surprise unwrapped during the unveiling of the Academy Award nominees and it came via The Reader.

With five nods (including best actress for star Kate Winslet), The Reader wasn't so much a bombshell for wrangling nominations as much as it was for being deemed the film that knocked blockbuster The Dark Knight out of contention for best picture.

But while the focus has been primarily on The Dark Knight's stunning absence in that category, there have

been several other overlooked films in the race for an Oscar this year. While the Academy may ignore their significance, they are worth noting here:

THE WRESTLER

Bruce Springsteen has been getting most of the attention ever since his musical contribution to The Wrestler was snubbed by the Academy, but many fans have also been abuzz on the Internet arguing the film itself was deserving of best picture.

WALL-E

The first-ever animated movie to win top spot from the L.A. Film Critics Associ-

ation, many thought it could do the same at this year's Oscars. There's little doubt it will take Best Animated Picture, but where is Andrew Stanton's nomination for best director?

HAPPY GO LUCKY

Sally Hawkins may have shocked many by taking home the Golden Globe for best actress earlier this year, but she's surprised even more by not even receiving an Oscar nomination for her fantastic role in Happy Go Lucky.

WENDY AND LUCY

This intimate drama about a girl who loses her beloved pooch on a cross-country road trip took top honours from the Toronto Film Critics' Association and was named one of the best movies of the year by the American Film Institute.

Film critic A.O. Scott even wrote that "it does not contain a superfluous word or shot." Unfortunately for writer/director Kelly Reichardt, that collective acclaim will be all for naught at this year's Oscars.

GRAN TORINO

At 78-years-old, Torino may be Clint Eastwood's final acting performance. As such, people are fuming that he didn't even receive a nomination for his powerful portrayal of a bigoted war veteran. Still, the best actor category is one of the toughest races — who would you replace?

Fired Up brings good cheer

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



In the new comedy Fired Up, two high school football stars attempt to expand their dating pool by spending the summer at cheerleading camp. After all, where else would be better to meet cute, athletic girls? Once they arrive however, the characters (and their actor counterparts) discover something else — an extremely difficult athletic sport.

"This is more about the boys obviously and the jokes end up being on them a little bit but the cheering part — I think anyone who watches it has got to respect what these kids do in cheer camp," said actress Anna-Lynne McCord (TV's 90210) recently over the phone from Los Angeles. McCord should know what she's talking about. Not only does she play a head cheerleader in the movie, but her and co-star Sarah Roemer (Disturbia) spent more than two



A scene from the upcoming comedy Fired Up.

weeks at cheerleading boot-camp preparing for the comedy.

"This is definitely a dangerous sport. I don't know why parents let 14-year-old little girls do it. I mean, they're throwing you 20 feet in the air and you're having to focus and actually do something," ex-

plained McCord. "I was doing such minimal things considering what actual cheerleaders do and, at those ages, it's absolutely incredible."

"It's extremely hard and you have to be precise and strong," adds Roemer. "I felt much more comfortable with the girls throw-

"I think anyone who watches (Fired Up) has got to respect what these kids do in cheer camp."

Anna-Lynne McCord

ing me up in the air than these two strong guys."

Although the choreography in Fired Up — which opens in theatres next Friday — is sure to gain admirers, it is still a comedy intended to mock the subculture of cheerleaders. No scene perhaps captures that spirit more than one in which actors Eric Christian Olsen and Nicholas D'Agosto had to strip down and perform a naked cheer — a sequence in which the pair not only had to have their pom-pom choreography down pat to avoid full exposure but they had to be fearless.

"Oh yes, it's very fun," laughed Roemer. "(Eric and Nicholas) kind of fed off each other and they totally go for it."

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Entertainment



Australian actress turned singer-songwriter Lenka has been touring the world in support of her self-titled solo debut.

Lenka dishes on Dirt series

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

There’s nothing quite like a pocket rocket to get your attention, just ask Lenka.

Her song Follow was featured on a television episode of Dirt, during a scene in which Courtney Cox pleasures herself with a vibrator.

“I always had this desire to do singer-songwriter, vocally driven folk music.”
Lenka, musician

“That was my first TV pickup,” the ex-front-woman for pop project Decoder Ring laughs. “The

whole show I was waiting for it and then it came on and I howled. I never expected that. I thought it was great.”

Since then, the Australian actress turned singer-songwriter has been touring the world in support of her self-titled solo debut, from which songs such as The Show, Trouble Is A Friend and Live Like You’re Dying make ubiquitous television appearances. Small wonder why. The album’s bouncy arrangements of pianos, vibraphones and glockenspiels belie the darker experimental electronic ambience of Decoder Ring — perfect for primetime TV while standing out in its own right.

“It’s much more sweet and poppy,” says Lenka (born Lenka Kripac in 1978), now based in Los Angeles. “Decoder Ring was never exactly what I wanted to do, they were just sort of a happy accident and I loved doing it when I was with them. But I always had this desire to do singer-songwriter, vocally driven folk music which was very different

from them.”
Lenka comes by her folky artistic bent honestly. Mom and Dad were hippies, and Lenka spent the first few years of her life in the Australian outback. At seven, the family moved to Sydney (she admits to bouts of claustrophobia due to city life), where she studied at the Australian Theatre for Young People under Cate Blanchett. Lenka says the two haven’t kept in touch, though Blanchett was disappointed to hear she was turning to music full-time. “She was amazing. We all loved her. She definitely passed onto us a love of the craft,” she said of the actress. “I’m not surprised that she’s done as well as she has.”

Lenka’s currently hashing out plans for a second album. The tone will be darker, she speculates, as she may use tracks she judged too grim for the initial release. In the meantime you can get your Lenka fix from Grey’s Anatomy, Ugly Betty and 90210, one of her personal favourites as a ’90s kid (the first series, she specifies.) “The new one’s just trying too hard to be sexy,” she laughs. “The old one had moral lessons like an after-school special. It was like Degrassi, which has a huge cult following in Australia. They’re so bad that they’re good.”

FRIDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
2/13/09	243	317	3	CFCN	etalk	Hollywood	Raising the Bar (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)	News (N)	
	-	-	4	OMNI	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News	The Simpsons	King	Metropia	
	-	371	5	KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Wife Swap (N)	Supernanny (N)	20/20 (N)
	245	306	6	CBRT	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)	CBC News: The National	The Hour
	244	338	7	CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	NUMB3RS "Guilt Trip"	Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It	(10:01) Dollhouse (N)	News Hour
	246	-	8	CKAL	Law & Order: SVU	Man Tracker	Survivorman	Crusoe		Your City	
	-	372	12	KREM	News (N)	Hollywood	The Doctors (N)	Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)	NUMB3RS		
	-	374	14	KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	NOW on PBS	Being Served	Vicar of Dibley
	-	370	16	KHQ	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (N)
	-	373	22	KAYU	The Simpsons	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Sarah Connor Chronicles	(10:01) Dollhouse (N)	News (N)
news	502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: The National	Doc Zone (HDTV)	CBC News: The National	Doc Zone	CBC News: The National	Doc Zone	Cooper 360
	500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
	501	391	52	CTV	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	Score Golf	Winter X
	400	400	21	TSN	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Colorado Avalanche. (HDTV) (Live)	Hockey Central	Flames Week	Sportsnet Connected	Score Golf	Uit. Fighter	
	408	418	27	net	Darts World Premier League.						
	552	543	20	YTV	iCarly	Prank Patrol	Just My Luck ★ (2006, Romance-Comedy) Lindsay Lohan, Chris Pine.	Falcon Beach			
	557	541	39	FAM	Zoey 101	Wizards-Place	High School Musical ★★ (2006)	(10:08) High School Musical 2 (2007)			
	-	-	18	CHTV	The Insider (N)	E News	Fashion Police-Grammy	20/20 (HDTV) (N)	Friday Night Lights (N)	News (N)	
	603	561	25	FOOD	Kylie Kwong	Gourmets	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Challenge	Kylie Kwong
	615	520	26	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami "Bloodline"	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami	
cable variety	617	522	32	SHOW	Wife Swap	The Outer Limits	Da Vinci's Inquest	Testees	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	
	520	505	35	DISC	Man vs. Wild "Yukon"	Deranged (N)	Daily Planet	Man vs. Wild "Yukon"	MANswers	MANswers	Project Earth
	628	584	43	SPIKE	DEA Busting up a stash house.	Real Vice	Disorderly Conduct: Video	MANswers	MANswers	GameTrailers	
	522	516	45	HIST	Urban Legends	Urban Legends	NCIS "Sea Dog"	Shockwave	Urban Legends	Urban Legends	Ax Men
	581	566	102	MTV	The Real World	Play'd	The City	City Live After	Play'd	From G's to Gents	Sixteen G's arrive.

SATURDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
2/14/09	243	317	3	CFCN	W-FIVE	Law & Order (HDTV)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)		
	-	-	4	OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin	Linger (2008, Romance) Roy Cheung.	Trendy Zone	Word for Word	Chinese Rest.		
	-	371	5	KXLY	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Be My Valentine	Grey's Anatomy	Practice	
	245	306	6	CBRT	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Phoenix Coyotes. (HDTV) (Live)	HNIC -- After Hours				
	244	338	7	CICT	Global Currents-Homefront	Masterminds	Masterminds	Doc "Welcome to NY"	Go Deep "Underwater"	News (N)	
	246	-	8	CKAL	Without a Trace	Less-Kind	Kaya	Killer Bash (2005, Horror) Raquel Riskin. (DVS)	The City Show		
	-	372	12	KREM	News (N)	Scrubs	NUMB3RS "In Security"	NCIS (HDTV)	48 Hr. Mystery		
	-	374	14	KSPS	Andre Rieu: Live in Vienna		My Music: Doo Wop Love Songs		Roy Orbison		
	-	370	16	KHQ	News (N)	Paid Program	CSI: NY "Stealing Home"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order	
	-	373	22	KAYU	House "Euphoria"	Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	News (N)	
news	502	390	15	CBC	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)	Sat. Report	Fortune	Sat. Report	Mansbridge
	500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live	D.L. Hughley Breaks the News	Newsroom	Larry King Live	News	CTV Newsnet	fifth estate
	501	391	52	CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	D.L. Hughley
	400	400	21	TSN	(6) NBA Basketball 2009 All-Star Skills Competition.	SportsCentre	Boxing: Chagaev vs. Drumond				
	408	418	27	net	Darts World Premier League.	The Ultimate Fighter	Saturday Night Poker	Sportsnet Con.			
	552	543	20	YTV	Charlie Brown	My Valentine	Team Galaxy	Team Galaxy	Zixx Level	Bleach	Ghost
	557	541	39	FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Magic in the Water ★★ (1995, Fantasy)
	-	-	18	CHTV	Chef School	E News	A Valentine Carol (2007, Romance)	Emma Caulfield.	Show Yours	G-Spot	E News
	603	561	25	FOOD	Top Chef	Hell's Kitchen	The F Word		Challenge Awards cake.	Top Chef	
	615	520	26	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami "Sunblock"	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami	
cable variety	617	522	32	SHOW	NUMB3RS "In Security"	Mutant X "Kilohertz"	Secret Lives (2005, Suspense) Daphne Zuniga.	Talladega Nqts			
	520	505	35	DISC	Destroyed	Time Warp	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Destroyed	Time Warp	Criss Angel
	628	584	43	SPIKE	Star Wars: Episode II -- Attack of the	Clones ★★ (2002, Science Fiction)	Ewan McGregor.		The Hills Have Eyes ★★ (2006, Horror)		
	522	516	45	HIST	Museum Mysteries-World	NCIS "Iced"	Ancestors	Ancestors	Face/Off ★★ (1997, Action)		
	581	566	102	MTV	Play'd	Girls-Latitude	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Play'd

SUNDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
2/15/09	243	317	3	CFCN	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	The Mentalist (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 14	Desperate Housewives	News (N)	
	-	-	4	OMNI	Without a Trace		King	King	Bollywood Boulevard	Different Faces of Hockey	Chardi Kalaa
	-	371	5	KXLY	News	Basketball	Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Brothers	
	245	306	6	CBRT	Heartland (N) (DVS)	Booky's Crush (2009, Drama) Megan Follows.			CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	Who Do-Think	
	244	338	7	CICT	16:9 Picture	American Dad	(8:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad
	246	-	8	CKAL	2Half Men	2Half Men	Friends	Friends	Rock of Love Bus With Bret Michaels	Most Amazing	Reviews
	-	372	12	KREM	News (N)	60 Minutes	The Amazing Race 14	Cold Case (HDTV) (N)	The Unit		
	-	374	14	KSPS	Lancaster at War. (DVS)	Nature (HDTV) (N) (DVS)	Masterpiece Classic (N) (DVS)		American-Stmp	Mystery!	
	-	370	16	KHQ	News	Best Sports	Dateline NBC		XIII (2009, Suspense) Val Kilmer.		
	-	373	22	KAYU	House "Forever"	TBA	American Dad	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad
news	502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: Sunday Night	Marilyn's Last Sessions	The Hollywood sex goddess. (N)		CBC News: Sunday Night	Marilyn	
	500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	D.L. Hughley Breaks the News	News	Larry King Live	Newsroom	
	501	391	52	CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	
	400	400	21	TSN	(6) NBA Basketball 2009 All-Star Game. (HDTV) (Live)	SportsCentre	PGA Tour Golf: Pebble Beach National Pro-Am				
	408	418	27	net	NHL Hockey	World Combat League	World Combat League	Sportsnet Connected	Poker		
	552	543	20	YTV	Over the Hedge ★★ (2006, Comedy) Garry Shandling	SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	The Next Star	Adrenaline Proj		
	557	541	39	FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Miracle ★★ (2004, Drama) Kurt Russell.
	-	-	18	CHTV	Inside Hollywood	The Best Years (DVS)	Extreme Makeover: Home		XIII (2009, Suspense) Val Kilmer.		
	603	561	25	FOOD	Iron Chef America	The Next Food Network Star	The Heat	The Heat	Challenge	Iron Chef Am.	
	615	520	26	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	The Sopranos "Stage 5"	The Sopranos "Stage 5"	CSI: Miami "Speed Kills"	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	
cable variety	617	522	32	SHOW	Wife Swap	The Guard (HDTV)	MythBusters	Anthony Bourdain	Machines of Malice	Ancient World	
	520	505	35	DISC	Scandals of the Ancient World	MythBusters	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	MANswers	MANswers	DEA (HDTV)
	628	584	43	SPIKE	UFC Unleashed	NCIS "Untouchable"	Lost Worlds Cold War.	Lost Worlds Cold War.	Blast From the Past ★★ (1999)		
	522	516	45	HIST	Underground War	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Play'd	Girls-Latitude	Made "Hockey Player"
	581	566	102	MTV	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Play'd	Girls-Latitude	Cribs

Actor Seagal wants to help build Costa Rica’s filmmaking industry

FILM Action movie star Steven Seagal told Costa Rican President Oscar Arias Wednesday he wants to help the Central American country build a filmmaking industry to put its dramatic landscapes to use.

Seagal, known for his martial arts roles of the 1980s and '90s, met Arias in San Jose and offered to use his Hollywood connections to help Costa Rica get started in movie-making.

“Costa Rica has everything — both rain forest and dry climate. What it lacks is an infrastructure to make movies,” Seagal told a news conference.

Seagal said he had a positive conversation with Arias but did not elaborate on the size of any investment he planned or give a timeframe for his project. Apart from a handful of small-budget independent

producers, Central America’s film industry is almost nonexistent. Despite its reputation as a stable, Seagal

relatively crime-free country with lush and varied landscapes, Costa Rica is rarely used by U.S. filmmakers, who often opt to shoot in Canada.

Costa Rica was the backdrop, however, for the 1992 film 1492: Conquest of Paradise, starring Gerard Depardieu, about the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas.

Actor and director Mel Gibson, who has a vacation home on Costa Rica’s Pacific coast, had his production team scout the country’s jungles for his 2006 epic Apocalypto.



Wal-Mart has high hopes for Twilight

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is hoping that the vampire romance movie Twilight will mean runaway success at its cash registers. The Twilight movie DVD is slated for release on March 21. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Going Out**Metro's 7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Lily Allen
MUSIC Lily Allen may have a potty mouth at times, but the singer sounds positively perfect on her new CD, *It's Not Me, It's You*. Allen's second album is getting great reviews — and the songstress will be featured on a half-hour CTV ETalk special on Saturday.



2 Mamma M.I.A.
PERFORMANCE The very pregnant M.I.A. not only showed up at last Sunday's Grammy Awards — the singer did so on her due date. Nominated for record of the year, M.I.A. also performed at the show. Word is her fiancé took a stopwatch to the show, just in case he needed to time her contractions. No word on whether the baby has been born yet.



3 Rihanna and Chris Brown
GOSSIP It seems everyone is waiting for more details about what exactly happened between Chris Brown and Rihanna. The couple was a no-show at the Grammys; Rihanna cancelled some concerts this week; and Wrigley's suspended an ad campaign featuring Brown, who is out on \$50,000 US bail.

Koala love**POP-CULTURE**

4 It seems the public is re-discovering the koala. Sam, the most famous furry survivor of Australia's worst-ever wild fires, has captured hearts around the world, reports indicate. The female marsupial was scorched in the blaze, but got some TLC from a handsome firefighter — what more could you ask for? To see the video visit metronews.ca/metrotube.

**Bookworms****GADGET**

5 Amazon.com is set to release a new version of its electronic reading device, Kindle — but it will only be available in the U.S. The new Kindle will hold up to 1,500 books and will have the exclusive release of a new Stephen King novella.

Recession protection**RECESSION**

6 In time for Valentine's Day, USA Today has reported that at least one industry is recession-proof. "With a crippled economy forcing millions of cash-strapped Americans to entertain themselves at home, it's not surprising that one particular product is seeing a sales increase — condoms," writes the paper. Sales of condoms apparently rose six per cent in January, the paper adds.

Clever, clever**GAMES**

7 Is KenKen the next sudoku? The new game — its name means loosely "cleverness squared" in Japanese — began appearing in the The New York Times this week.

Mix of Six**Valentine's Masquerade**

When: Friday, 8 p.m.

Where: Crown Pub

This is not your average Valentine's Day bash. Party goers are being asked to wear black, red and white and a mask to hide their identities. A silent auction will also raise cash towards the Ogoma Uganda Children's Home.

Battle of the sexes

When: Saturday, 9 p.m.

Where: The Temple

Oh snap! There will be a battle of the sexes in this Valentine's dance-off between three female members and three male members of the Oh Snap! Dance crew. Price: \$5

Animal instincts

When: Fri. and Sat., 7 p.m.

Where: The Valley Zoo

Singles have a chance to meet that special someone at the Valley Zoo for its annual Animal Attraction Speed Dating event. Price: \$40.

Family circus

When: Monday, Family Day

Where: Sir Winston Churchill Square and City Hall

Families will be treated to an interactive "family circus" inside city hall and they can enjoy skating and sleigh rides outside to celebrate Family Day. The event is free.

Cops and Eskimos

When: Monday, Family Day

Where: Clare Drake Arena, University of Alberta

Members of the Edmonton Eskimos Alumni team and the Edmonton Police Faded Blues will be raising cash to support the Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities during its All-Star Hockey Fundraiser.

Politics

When: Monday, Family Day

Where: Alberta Legislature Grounds

Free tours of the Legislature will be provided, along with wagon rides outside and skating during this Family Day celebration. It's free.

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Mandy Moore will tie the knot with her musician beau Ryan Adams, her publicist confirmed to People magazine. Details weren't immediately available. Moore, 24, and Adams, 34, had dated off-and-on since March 2008. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

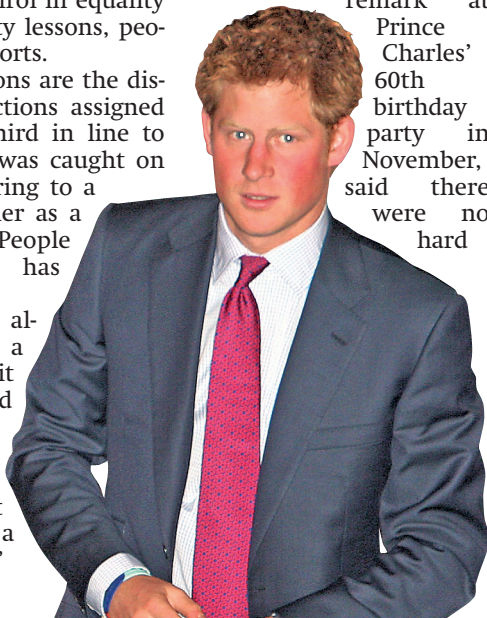
Lesson in manners set for Prince Harry

PEOPLE Prince Harry has been ordered by his army bosses to enrol in equality and diversity lessons, people.com reports.

The sessions are the disciplinary actions assigned after the third in line to the crown was caught on video referring to a fellow soldier as a "Paki," People magazine has confirmed.

The news also comes a day after it was reported that Harry, 24, told a comedian, "You don't sound like a black chap." Comic

Stephen K. Amos, the target of Harry's "black chap" remark at Prince Charles' 60th birthday party in November, said there were no hard



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feelings towards Harry and he (Amos) had not taken offence.

"As a comedian it is my job to find the funny. I was honoured to be asked to perform at the 60th birthday comedy event for Prince Charles," said Amos. "I do not believe Prince Harry was racist to me."

The army course in diversity will take place soon, royal insiders tell People. Harry is expected to attend the lessons over a period of days.

Thursday, Harry's office at St. James's Palace told People, "Prince Harry has said he is sorry for his remarks. He has been subjected to the normal army disciplinary procedures."

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Fans show Rihanna love on online community

INCIDENT Days after Rihanna was allegedly beaten by her boyfriend, Chris Brown, fans are filling her MySpace page with words of encouragement, people.com reports.

"YOU deserve BETTER," writes Jessica.

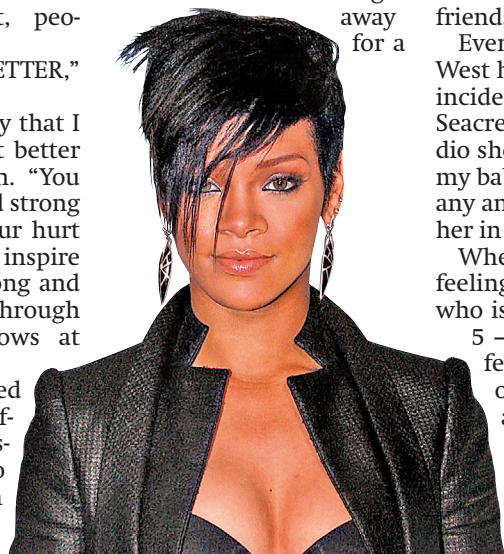
"I just want to say that I really hope you get better soon," says Morgan. "You are such a great and strong woman ... Turn your hurt into a song that can inspire everyone to be strong and it will get you through whatever life throws at you."

A fan named Leiah'i'ena even offered the Barbados-bred singer (who hasn't been seen in public since the

Sunday morning incident) refuge in Hawaii.

"Keep shining that smile of yours!" says Leiah'i'ena.

"Need to get away for a



while hit me back, my family owns some private beaches if you wanna wine (sic) down and relax with some of your family or friends."

Even celebrity pal Kanye West has spoken about the incident, telling Ryan Seacrest on his Tuesday radio show, "I feel like that's my baby sis and I would do any and everything to help her in any situation."

When it comes to their feelings about Brown — who is due in court March 5 — Rihanna's fans offer mostly blunt words of advice, people.com adds.

Writes Grantos: "Leave His A—."

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TV host Ripa says nothing wrong with plastic surgery

IMAGE People.com is reporting that while she may be pretty as a picture, Kelly Ripa claims she hasn't ruled out plastic surgery.

"I really don't think there is anything wrong with it," the talk show host, 38, told People magazine Wednesday at an Electrolux photo shoot in Manhattan.

"I mean, I always like the way I look if I'm on the cover of a magazine — when they airbrush me, I always look so much bet-

ter.

"Why is that? Well, because they smooth out fine lines."

Happily married to actor Mark Consuelos and the mother of three — Michael, 11; Lola, 7; and Joaquin, 5 — Ripa does not think she is ready to go under the knife, but admits she is definitely open to the option when and if the time should come.

"I am in a place in my life where I don't think there is anything wrong

with it. I mean, I get my teeth cleaned if they are dirty. If my roots darken, I get them coloured," she said.

Not that outer beauty is the only thing on Ripa's mind. With the help of Electrolux,



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she is working to help raise \$500,000 for the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund.

"This way people can do something good for women," she said.

Tara says she was sad

PEOPLE Tara Reid checked into rehab because she was "sad and conflicted," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 33-year-old actress recently completed a 60-day stay at Malibu's Promises rehab centre — where Lindsay Lohan and Britney Spears have previously been treated — for substance abuse, and insists the move was the "greatest decision" she has ever made.

She said: "I didn't like the person I was. I was sad and conflicted."

"Some people get forced to be in rehab. I went there by myself. I put myself

there. It was the greatest decision I ever made."

Tara insists checking into the facility was one of the toughest times she has ever been through, but is delighted with the effect the treatment had on her.

She added to In Touch Weekly magazine: "Rehab saved my life. Before I used to think about tomorrow and I hated it. Now I can't wait because I am clean and sober and I am excited."

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No diet, no gyms: Scarlett

PEOPLE Scarlett Johansson has come out firmly against dieting and gyms.

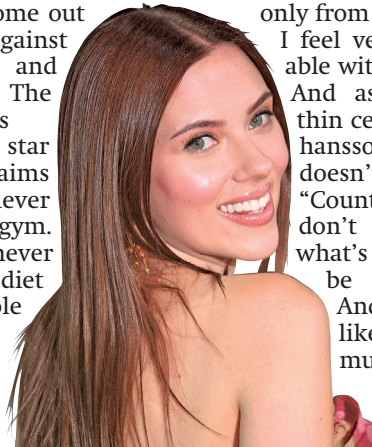
The voluptuous young star even claims she's never been to a gym. "I have never been on a diet in my whole life," she says, according to Sky

Showbiz. "I've seen gyms only from the outside."

I feel very comfortable with my body."

And as for stick-thin celebrities, Johansson says she doesn't get it. "Count me out. I don't understand what's supposed to be sexy there. And besides, I like to eat too much."

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Jackson suffers complications

HEALTH Looks like Michael Jackson's latest round of plastic surgery may have caused some unplanned health problems.

According to the Sun, the former King of Pop is receiving IV antibiotics for a severe staph infection he contracted during work to reconstruct his nose.

"The disease is an MRSA-style infection because it is resistant to conventional antibiotics," a source tells the newspaper.

"There's a chance it could turn into a flesh-eating disorder where it begins to kill off his skin, so he's being very carefully monitored."

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Owen indifferent about his looks

IMAGE Clive Owen doesn't care about his looks, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Children of Men actor doesn't make any effort with his appearance in his "normal life," despite being regarded as a Hollywood heartthrob.

He said: "Any actor who starts taking the tag 'sex symbol' seriously or thinks of themselves as a sex symbol has got some serious problems. When I'm in my normal life I care very little about how I look. Sometimes I have to dress up when

I'm making movies, but that's not me when I'm just hanging around."

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Rourke falling for Courtney Love?

ROMANCE Looks like Mickey Rourke and Courtney Love's longtime friendship has jumped to the next level.

The two stars have been dating secretly for about a month, according to the Daily Mirror. "Mickey texted Courtney totally out of the blue, around the time of the Golden Globes, asking to take her out for the night," a source tells the newspaper. And while she didn't end up as his date for the awards show, they allegedly still found time for each other.

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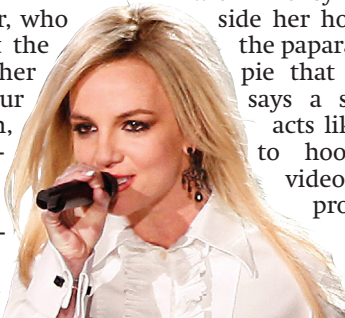
Britney a desperate housewife?

VIDEO Britney Spears is a mega pop star, a mom of two — and now a happy homemaker in her new video, people.com is reporting.

The singer, who plans to hit the road for her Circus tour next month, spent Tuesday filming the video for her upcoming single If U Seek Amy, in

which she plays a sexy housewife dressed in blonde '50s style wig, fitted pink top and white skirt. "The video begins with Britney coming outside her house to hand the paparazzi an apple pie that she baked," says a source. "She acts like she wants to hook up. The video is very provocative."

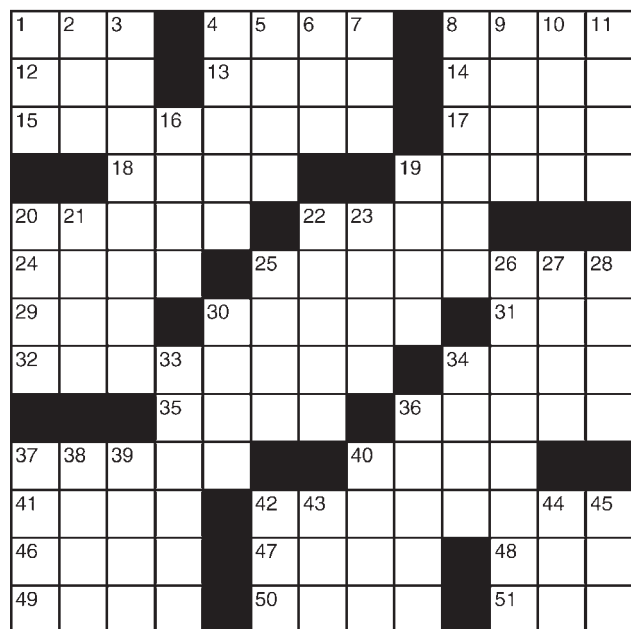
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WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.

Take Five**Crossword across**

- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| 1 Muppet master Henson | 31 Carte lead-in |
| 4 Look-alike | 32 Hitchcock classic |
| 8 Low range | 34 Vail gear |
| 12 Literary collection | 35 Roddick of tennis |
| 13 Head light? | 36 Performs, biblically |
| 14 Easter flower | 37 Home of America's largest urban zoo |
| 15 Redo | 40 Drink |
| 17 In due time | 41 Trickster god |
| 18 Uncomplicated | 42 Get amorous |
| 19 Mexican's ancestor, maybe | 46 Ostentation |
| 20 Squander | 47 Garfield's pal |
| 22 Exposed | 48 Lubricant |
| 24 Grounded flock | 49 Mediocre |
| 25 Luthor's enemy | 50 Poetic foot |
| 29 Standard | 51 Today's "groovy" |
| 30 Ancient Dead Sea region | |

Crossword down

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Predicament | 20 Cried | 39 Gumbo need |
| 2 — fix | 21 Asian servant | 40 Read cursorily |
| 3 Guaran-tee | 22 Crony | 42 Miss Piggy's pronoun |
| 4 More than just that? | 23 Tarzan's clique | 43 Oklahoma city |
| 5 Undulating | 25 Irrational number | 44 Compete |
| 6 — de-France | 26 Indemnify | 45 Will Ferrell movie |
| 7 Clause connector | 27 Settled down | |
| 8 Sports jacket | 28 One of CSN&Y | |
| 9 "— She Sweet?" | 30 Hoodoo | |
| 10 Plum-like fruit | 33 Exile | |
| 11 Harmonization | 34 Ground | |
| 16 Chow | 36 Uncool sort | |
| 19 Vicinity | 37 Let the cat out of the bag | |
| | 38 Irritate | |

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

5	9	2	4	1	3	6	7	8
7	1	4	6	8	9	3	5	2
3	6	8	2	7	5	4	9	1
6	3	9	8	2	4	5	1	7
1	8	5	7	9	6	2	3	4
2	4	7	5	3	1	8	6	9
4	5	1	9	6	8	7	2	3
8	2	3	1	5	7	9	4	6
9	7	6	3	4	2	1	8	5

Find today's answers + play more games at metronews.ca**SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:**

Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar

17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day**French Tuna and Bell Pepper Salad****INGREDIENTS:**

14 oz (400 g) new potatoes
1 3/4 oz (50 g) green beans
7 1/2 oz (220 g) mixed salad greens
1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped parsley
1 tsp (5 ml) snipped fresh chives
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
1 tbsp (15 ml) black olive tapenade
2 garlic cloves, chopped
2 tbsp (25 ml) extra virgin olive oil
1 tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar
1 tsp (5 ml) balsamic vinegar
Pepper to taste
10-15 radishes, thinly sliced
1 can (6 oz/170 g) tuna in water, drained
3 1/2 oz (100 g) cherry tomatoes
1 each of red, yellow and green pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
8 black olives

METHOD:

1. Place potatoes in a pot and cover with boiling wa-

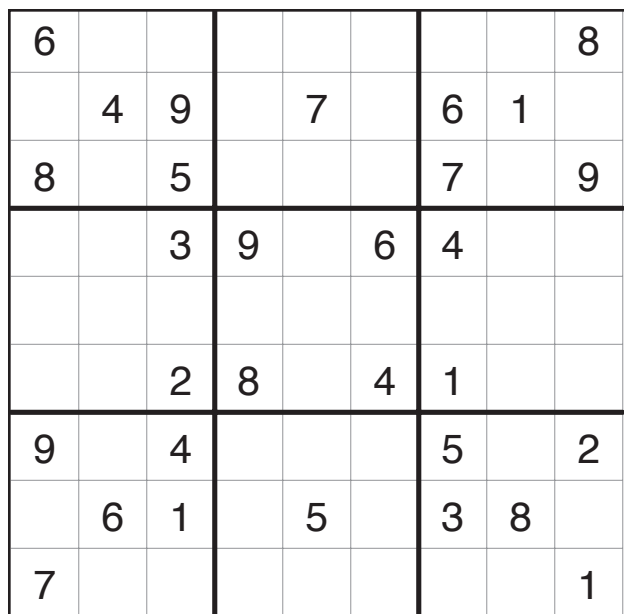
ter. Cook over medium heat 10 minutes. Add green beans and cook 5 minutes or until potatoes are tender and beans are just cooked. Drain well and set aside to cool.
2. Toss the salad greens with the parsley, chives and red onion in a large shallow bowl.
3. For dressing, mix tapenade with garlic, olive oil, red wine vinegar and balsamic vinegar, and season with pepper. Pour two-thirds dressing over salad greens and toss well to mix.
4. Halve potatoes and arrange on top of salad greens with green beans, radishes, tuna, tomatoes, peppers and olives. Pour over remaining dressing, garnish with basil leaves and serve.

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!

**Sudoku**

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

**Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES****MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

A guy's inconsistency expresses his inner turmoil. A man with a plan makes a profound speech. Someone's false move weakens your desire.

LIBRA**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

A trusted person returns and cheers you. A predicament is caused by a desperado who takes control. A woman's dream resolves a dilemma.

TAURUS**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Contact your most important admirer for help. The bearer of good news will get a free dinner. A demented associate will make you laugh.

SCORPIO**OCT 24-NOV 22**

A voice from the past makes you nostalgic. Someone's self-involvement puts your teeth on edge. A power play leads to bonding with others.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Foolish expectations go up in flames. Don't take it personally when anyone is disappointed. A commonplace approach to problems isn't effective.

SAGITTARIUS**NOV 23-DEC 21**

A chatty associate will insist that a conflict be settled. Be cautious and stay on top of breaking news. Stoke up a friend's damaged self-esteem.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Your social life gets busy and friendships will grow. Camaraderie develops with a kind woman. Your anxiety will be relieved by good news.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

A sincere lover passes a test. Finding new helpers is easier than you expected. Somebody's pleasure-seeking will stick in your mind.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23**

Something pleasant happens to you in public. Certain tasks will have to be faced immediately. You'll think about the kindness of a stranger.

AQUARIUS**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Other people look to you for leadership. A friendship may be damaged by having a sense of duty. Self-medicating will have a puzzling effect.

VIRGO**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Your personal charm and charisma are at an all-time high. Prepare yourself to have an intense chat. A lonely person will return home.

PISCES**FEB 19-MARCH 20**

Release your unhappiness and move on. Make sure that all loose ends are tied up. Use your compassion to forestall a serious confrontation.

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